



# Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

## Answer to question taken on notice

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Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Business, Arts and Creative Industries

In relation to: Business, Arts and Creative Industries and CFC CEO suspension time limit

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**MS LEE:** Yes. So in terms of the—is it—can you just clarify that the current CEO has been stood down, but he is still employed in that capacity?

**Mr Pettersson:** Suspended without pay.

**MS LEE:** Suspended without, yes, but still employed though? Yes, okay. And there is been no decision made about that status as at this stage?

**Mr Pettersson:** We would have to take it on notice. If employment arrangements are ...(indistinct)...[03.58.30].

**MS LEE:** Yes, okay. All right. No worries. In terms of a suspension without pay, under the conditions of his employment, does that have any time period limitation restriction attached to it?

**Mr Pettersson:** We will just have to take my notice.

**Michael Pettersson MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- No, there is no time period limitation.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Business, Arts and Creative Industries, Michael Pettersson MLA